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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS: TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE FOR NIGERIA

REF: A) STATE 134073 B) STATE 120792

C) LAGOS 5408

SUMMARU: EMBASSY IS FORWARDING A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS (WHF). EMBASSY REQUIRES GROUP'S GUIDANCE REGARDING PROPOSED VISIT TO IBADAN OR BENIN AND WARRI.
END SUMMARY

1. AS REQUESTED PER REFTTEL (A) THERE FOLLOWS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR VISIT OF WHF TO NIGERIA, AUGUST 5 TO 9. DETAILS OF SCHEDULE WILL BE COMPLETED AS LOGISTICAL AND APPOINTMENT PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED. IF DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, WE RECOMMEND APPLICATIONS BE SUBMITTED FOR NIGERIAN VISAS AND NIGERIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON BE GIVEN EXPLANATION RE COMPOSITION OF GROUP AND PURPOSE OF VISIT WITH REQUEST THAT EMBASSY SUPPORT OUR REQUEST HERE FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH HIGH LEVEL FMG OFFICIALS.

2A. TUESDAY, AUGUST 5: 1515 ARRIVE LAGOS

1800 ARRIVE FEDERAL PALACE HOTEL. EVENING FREE. (RESERVATIONS FOR TEN DOUBLES CONFIRMED.)

B. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6: 0900 COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING

1030 - 1130 MEET WITH AMERICAN OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES AT CHANCERY.

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1200 - 1330 LUNCH AT RESTAURANT NEAR EMBASSY.

P. M. MEETINGS WITH FMG OFFICIALS. (DEPENDING ON TIMING OF

APPOINTMENTS WE ARE ARRANGING WITH FMG, COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING
AND MEETING WITH OIL COMPANY REPRETV QBLKGFNKVWBWMBGF W'DKJS RDAYYNC
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AJAKYELD EVENING OF ARRIVAL. WE ARE IN
PROCESS OF REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS FOR WHF WITH HEAD OF STATE
GOWON, COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ARIKPO, COMMISSIONER
OF MINES AND POWER MONGUNO, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ENERGY OFFICIALS,
BUT WE ARE NOT RPT NOT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC (REFTEL C).

1900 COCKTAILS/SUPPER HOSTED BY CHARGE' TO INCLUDE YOUNG
NIGERIAN PROFESSIONALS, JOURNALISTS, CIVIL SERVANTS, ETC.
C. THURSDAY, AUGUST 7: TWO POSSIBILITIES. A VISIT TO IBADAN
OR WARRI (A REAL FRONTIER OIL BOOM-TOWN). (1) IF IBADAN, TRAVEL BY
CHARTERED BUS EARLY MORNING FROM LAGOS. VISIT UNIVERSITY, SIGHT-
SEEING AND SHOPPING IN P. M. OVERNIGHT IN IBADAN AND RETURN TO
LAGOS MID-MORNING FRIDAY. (2) IF WARRI: 0730 DEPART NIGERIAN AIR-
WAYS, FLIGHT 128 FOR BENIN (MEANS LEAVING HOTEL APPROXIMATELY
0530).

0805 ARRIVE BENIN, MET BY CHARTERED BUS. POSSIBLE BRIEFING BY
MIDWEST GOVERNMENT; VISIT MUSEUM ETC. DRIVE (BY CHARTERED
BUS) TO SAPELE FOR LUNCH. VISIT AMERICAN OWNED LIFE FLOUR
MILL AND WEST AFRICAN SHRIMP COMPANY AND/OR AFRICAN TIMBER AND
PLYWOOD CO. DRIVE TO WARRI. CHECK IN AT HOTEL. EVENING FREE
(CASINO, CHINESE RESTAURANT ETC.)

D. FRIDAY, AUGUST 8:

(1) IF IBADAN, DEPART FOR LAGOS BY ROAD APPROXIMATELY 0800.
LUNCH FREE.

P. M. CHOISE OF TOUR TO BADAGRI (AS LAST YEAR3 TARKWA (SWIMMING
AND BEACH) OR SHOPPING AS DESIRED. EVENING: DINNER IN HOMES OF
VARIOUS MISSION OFFICERS.

(2) IF SIDE TRIP BENIN/WARRI FEASIBLE:

A. M. BRIEFING BY SHELL-BP DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND TOUR OF
SHELL-BP INDUSTRIAL AREA AND OIL FIELD.

1200 - 1300 LUNCH FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO MCDERMOTT OFFSHORE
OIL PLATFORM FABRICATION YARD.

1400 LEAVE FOR BENIN CITY

1600 ARRIVE BENIN: SHOPPING.

1815 DEPARTURE BY NIGERIAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT 129 FOR LAGOS.

1850 ARRIVE LAGOS. RETURN TO HOTEL. EVENING FREE.

E. SATURDAY, AUGUST 9: 0630 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

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0935 DEPART LAGOS FOR AMSTERDAM ON KLM 580. (EMBASSY REON-
FIRMING TICKETS.)

3. IF BENIN/WARRI TRIP PROVES FEASIBLE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THIS
AS MOST INTERESTING FOR GROUP, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW THEIR
INTEREST IN ENERGY AND RELATED MATTERS. HOWEVER, SUCH
TRIP REDUCES TIME AVAILABLE IN LAGOS FOR MEETINGS WITH FMG
OFFICIALS TO ONE DAY AND WOULD FURTHER LESSEN ALREADY BLEAK
CHANCES FOR MEETINGS WITH HIGH LEVEL NIGERIANS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER WHF PREFERS IBADAN OR WARRI
TRIP AND CONFIRM DATES SO WE CAN REQUEST RESERVATIONS
AND PROCEED WITH OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.
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